## **Border Air Museum**

## **Summer Hours**

Monday - Friday

Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Saturdays.....11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Located at the end of East 10<sup>th</sup> Street & Airport Road

Call Douglas Visitor Center for Information- 520-364-2478

Douglas.....

## 1<sup>st</sup> International Airport of the Americas!......



Douglas first showed interest in aviation in 1908, when a single plane glider was built in a large frame building located on the 700 block on G Avenue. It was air-lifted by a two horse buggy equipped for release with an aerial hitch.

The first in-coming flight to Douglas was in 1911. The plane landed behind the old YMCA building at the west end of 10th street.

In 1913, planes that were used in the Mexican Revolution came to Douglas. Five years later, after World War 1, the barnstormers arrived. The city had purchased the airport in 1928, a dirt runway was built connecting Douglas and Agua Prieta. Airplane passengers could land in Douglas and taxi through the runway gate into Mexico.

Douglas International Airport was the first international airport in the Americas. It was considered the finest airport in Arizona and was the first in the state to have night lights.

In the 1930's the airport was one of the stopping points for American Airlines. Frontier Airlines and others.

Our aviation history is housed at the Border Air Museum. The museum was a gift to the city by the deceased, Richard Westbrook, Class of 1949 and his wife Irma. The museum is a testimony of the Westbrook's love of aviation and community.



